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§4-745.1. IN EFFECT

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2022 //

(a) In this section, “Pilot Program” means the Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Sport Fishing License Pilot Program.

(b) There is a Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Sport Fishing License Pilot Program in the Department.

(c) The purpose of the Pilot Program is to:

(1) Collect contact information and demographic data of individuals fishing under a consolidated Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport boat license issued under § 4-745(d)(2) of this subtitle;

(2) Collect information regarding the number of trips taken and fish caught and released under a consolidated Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport boat license; and

(3) Improve registration compliance with the free registration authorized under § 4-745(d)(3) of this subtitle.

(d) To maintain eligibility to purchase a consolidated Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport boat license, the holder of the license shall provide to the Department all information requested under subsection (c) of this section.

(e) The Department shall track on a monthly basis costs associated with implementing the Pilot Program.

(f) On or before December 1, 2023, and each December 1 thereafter for the duration of the Pilot Program, the Department shall report recommendations on expected funding needed to grow and establish the Pilot Program as a permanent program to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(g) On or before January 1, 2023, the Department shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.

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